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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111, 1.112, 1.121

This is a reply to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2006.

In view of the official closing of Federal Government Offices in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area on January 2, 2007 for the National Day of Mourning, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office stated that January 2, 2007 is considered a "Federal holiday within the District of Columbia". For that reason, this reply is due January 3, 2007.

a. **Introductory Comments**

The Office Action rejects pending claims 8, 10, 12-14, 16-19, 22, 25, and 29-31.

Herein, Applicants amend claims 8, 12, and 31.

Applicants request reconsideration.